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DEATH OF THE VENOMVERSE

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DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK STUMBLED UPON AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM CALLED A SYMBIOTE DURING ONE OF THE LOWEST POINTS OF HIS LIFE. THE TWO WERE JOINED AND USED THEIR COMBINED LUST FOR VIOLENCE TO MAKE THEIR CITY SAFER AS THE LETHAL PROTECTOR, VENOM. EVENTUALLY, EDDIE WOULD ASCEND TO THE THRONE OF KING IN BLACK, THE KING OF ALL SYMBIOTES IN THE HIVE. BUT THERE IS ONE SYMBIOTE, OUTSIDE OF THE HIVE, THAT HAS PLANS FOR EDDIE BROCK...

DEATH OF THE VENOMVERSE

THE CARNAGE SYMBIOTE HAS FOUND A NEW CALLING: KILL. ALL. VENOMS. BUT ANNE WEYING, AGENT VENOM, ISN'T GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN WITHOUT A FIGHT.

AS CARNAGE CONTINUED TO CONSUME THE POWERS OF OTHER BEINGS, AGENT VENOM COLLECTED VERSIONS OF ANTI-VENOM AND ANTI-CARNAGE FROM THE MULTIVERSE. BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH.

CARNAGE IS STRONGER THAN EVER NOW, BUT TEAM VENOM HASN'T GIVEN UP HOPE JUST YET...

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VENOM SAFE HOUSE.
EARTH-1051.

WE CAN'T *WIN* THIS THING, CAN WE?

CARNAGE IS JUST *TOO* POWERFUL.

HE'S *RUNNING WILD* ALL OVER US.

AND WHEN HE GETS BACK TO *MY* WORLD...

WE'LL *STOP* HIM, SILENCE.

WE *WILL* STOP HIM.

WE DON'T HAVE A *CHOICE.*

EASY FOR *YOU* TO SAY, BOSS LADY.

EVERY TIME WE THROW DOWN WITH THIS GUY, SOME OF US DON'T MAKE IT BACK.

ANNE NEVER SAID WE'D *SURVIVE* THE FIGHT, CHAOS ENGINE.

SO...THIS IS WHAT IT *FEELS* LIKE... TO BE A *VENOM?*

WELCOME TO THE CLUB.

I'VE GOT IT.

IT'S FIXED.

SORT OF.

READY TO ROLL.

ANNE. COME ON.

YOU'RE NOT THE EDDIE I KNEW.

YOU DON'T GET A SAY.

YOU'RE NOT SENDING THE KID BACK INTO THE FIGHT, ARE YOU?

TRY AND STOP ME.

TRY AND STOP ANY OF US.

I'VE GOT ONE PLAY LEFT.

A HAIL MARY.

BUT I NEED YOU ALL TO DO EXACTLY AS I SAY.

WHEN I SAY JUMP--

WE JUMP, MOM.

IS THAT... CARNAGE?

TAKING THE FIGHT TO KNULL?

LOOKS LIKE IT.

WHAT'S THE CALL HERE?

THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY--

--IS A FOE WE CAN DESTROY LATER!

YOU ARE NOT FROM THIS REALM.

A CASTOFF FROM ANOTHER REALITY.

COME HERE TO FACE OBLIVION.

YES!

OBLIVION IF THAT'S WHAT I DESERVE!

IF I CANNOT DESTROY YOU, KNULL, THEN WHAT CHANCE DO I HAVE AGAINST THE KING IN BLACK?

MADNESS!

DO YOU NOT KNOW ME?

HGGGHK

I AM THE KING IN BLACK!

NOT ON MY WORLD!

NOT ON THE WORLD THAT MATTERS!

SLLLLSSSH

VRAASHOW

WELL, I KNOW YOU.

I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT.

TO LOOK AT YOU IS TANTAMOUNT TO STARING INTO A MIRROR.

AND IT SICKENS ME.

THRAK

STRIKE, MY FRIENDS!

WHILE WE CAN!

THIS IS THE MOMENT IN WHICH WE TURN THE TIDE!

I HAVE HIM!

BUT HE'S ***STRONG!***

I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD HIM FOR LONG!

CYCLOPS-- I'M ADDING THE ENERGIES OF THE ***DARK DIMENSION*** TO YOUR OPTIC BLASTS!

AND I'LL TELEKINETICALLY HELP YOU ***AIM*** A ***KILL SHOT!***

EVERYTHING HE'S ***TAKEN*** FROM US...

...EVERYTHING HE'S ***DESTROYED...***

...HE ***PAYS*** FOR IT NOW!

PITIFUL.

ON YOUR FEET, SOLDIER!

THANKS TO YOU, WE'VE GOT KNULL ON THE ***DEFENSIVE!***

WE NEED YOU.

WE CAN TAKE HIM DOWN!

AVENGERS--

SHHGGNK

NO. NOT "WE." ME. ME ALONE.

DISTRACTIONS. NUISANCES.

INFANTS... MEWLING AGAINST THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION.

SLLLSH

SHNK

THNK

SGNK

I HAVE COME TO DESTROY THIS WORLD.

TO MURDER IT.

AND NO ONE WILL STAND IN MY WAY.

SLAAASH

NO ONE!

IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER...

...I'LL FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED.

I'LL END THIS WORLD FOR YOU.

AFTER YOU'RE DEAD!

THIS WORLD!

AND EVERY OTHER!

UNTIL I CLAIM WHAT'S MINE!

A GOD.

THAT IS WHAT I'VE BECOME.

THAT IS WHAT I ALWAYS WAS.

THOU

VSSSSSH

IT'S KNULL.

CARNAGE IS AFTER HIM NEXT.

IF HE ABSORBS *HIS* STRENGTH--

THIS KNULL... HE'S A *SERIOUS PLAYER?*

THE *WORST.*

MAYBE HE AND CARNAGE WILL JUST KILL *EACH OTHER.*

CAN'T TAKE THAT *CHANCE.*

WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT...

...WE HAVE TO *PROTECT* THE KING IN BLACK.

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN, MOM.

JUST ONE QUESTION.

WHO'S GOING TO PROTECT US?

I'LL HOLD AS MANY OF THESE *VERMITHRAX WANNABES* BACK!

SOMEBODY TELEPORT KNULL OUTTA HERE!

YOU HEARD HIM!

VIRUS-- SEND KNULL SOMEWHERE CARNAGE CAN'T FIND HIM!

SEND HIM STRAIGHT TO *HELL* FOR ALL I CARE!

IT'S *UNFORTUNATE* YOU MUST *DIE.*

YOU WOULD HAVE MADE A GOOD *SERVITOR.*

I COULD SAY THE SAME THING ABOUT YOU.

BUT YOU ARE *FLESH.*

AND FLESH IS *WEAK.*

THE DRAGONS-- THEY'RE BREAKING THROUGH!

BRAKKA-BRAKKA-BRAKKA

SKREEEAAAARK!

THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!

IF ANYBODY'S GOT ANY *SURPRISES* LEFT, NOW'S THE TIME TO *SHOW OFF!*

THEY'RE GONNA *OVERRUN* US!

WHOA.

I AM *ASGARDIA*... A DAUGHTER OF *MIDGARD.*

A DAUGHTER OF *KLYNTAR.*

A DAUGHTER OF *ASGARD.*

I AM A VALKYRIE!

SLLLSH

SGGKLLSH

UNNNFH!

MNN--

'PORT HIM OUT OF HERE, KID!

HURRY UP!

I CAN'T HOLD HIM!

I'M TRYING!

THE CONTROLS...AREN'T RESPONDING!

NOTHING WORKS RIGHT SINCE CARNAGE TORE THROUGH MY ARMOR!

I TIRE OF THIS GAME!

NOW YOU WILL KNOW MY FULL POWER!

YOU WILL KNOW--

YOU MUST KNOW...

...MUST UNDERSTAND...

...THAT NO MATTER WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISH HERE...

...YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD.

SHH-CHNNK

YEEAARGH!

OH, I'LL KNOW YOUR POWER.

I'LL KNOW ALL OF IT.

AND I'LL PUT IT TO MUCH BETTER USE THAN YOU EVER WOULD.

NO...

WHPPP

WE... WE'VE LOST.

WHSSH

THAT'S IT!

THERE'S NOTHING LEFT!

NO FOE TO CONQUER!

SAVE THE ONE I WANT DEAD MORE THAN ANY OTHER!

YOU WANT AN EDDIE BROCK? HERE I AM!

YOU'RE JUST A PALE IMITATION.

FWOOOSSH

SEND US HOME, DYLAN.

MOM--

SEND US HOME...SO WE CAN SPEND WHATEVER TIME WE HAVE LEFT WITH THOSE WHO LOVE US.

UHH--

WE CAN DO THIS, MOM!

JUST LIKE YOU SAID.

WE JUST NEED...

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

DO NOT MOURN ME.

I WAS ONLY EVER A DREAM.

"...A LITTLE MORE MUSCLE!"

VSSS

NOTHING CAN STOP ME!
DON'T YOU SEE?
I AM A GOD!
WE CAN DO THIS!
WE MUST!
LIKE YOU SAID!
SEND THEM BACK!
RIGHT NOW!
WE HAVE TO SEND EVERYONE BACK!
SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEE
IT'S LIKE YOU PLANNED.
I WAS WRONG, DYLAN!
I WAS SO WRONG!
PLEASE!
SEND THEM BACK TO--

YOU'RE GOING NOWHERE.

YEEEAAARRGH!

DYLAN!

IT'S INTERESTING.

NOW THAT WE'VE MET... I DO SO LOVE KILLING YOUR CHILDREN.

H-HOLD HIM!

I CANNOT BE HELD, EDDIE! I CANNOT BE BOUND!

DO YOU SENSE YOUR DOOM?

I'VE KILLED ONE KING IN BLACK!

IT WILL BE NOTHING TO KILL ANOTHER!

I WAS WRONG.

SSSSH

HA! COWARDS!

SHE SENT THEM AWAY.

DEAD... ALIVE...

SENT THEM HOME.

...SHE RETURNED THEM ALL TO THEIR GRAVES.

I SHOULD... HAVE FOUND ANOTHER WAY.

WHEN... WHEN THE OTHER DYLAN...WAS KILLED.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE KEPT PUSHING.

I TH-THOUGHT WE COULD STOP HIM.

I THOUGHT IF THERE WERE ENOUGH OF US.

"BUT THEY WERE JUST...LAMBS TO SLAUGHTER.

"SACRIFICES.

"AND I OFFERED THEM UP LIKE A LOYAL SUBJECT."

MAYBE... IN THAT WAY...HE *IS* A GOD.

MAYBE.

MAYBE I WAS JUST A DAMN FOOL.

"AND I THREW BODIES AT HIM.

"BODIES.

"TO FEED HIM."

TO FEED MY OWN DAMN EGO.

SO DAMN MANY.

AND WE LOST SO MANY.

FOR...

"...NOTHING."

END.

HEMPSTEAD HALL, ON THE E.S.U. CAMPUS.

SONIC FEEDBACK RIPPING US APART! BUT IF WE LET GO OF THIS "CHANDELIER"--

--CONCERT-GOERS BELOW WILL END UP A STICKY SMEAR ON THE FLOOR!

FINAL ESCAPE PART 4

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IS THIS GREAT OR WHAT! HAVEN'T HAD SO MANY *LAUGHS* SINCE I WATCHED THAT *FREDDY KRUGER* MARATHON ON CHANNEL 9!

IF I JUST HAD SOME POPCORN...!

WE CAN'T LET THIS FIXTURE *DROP!* BUT...

...THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T SEND IT--

THHWISSS

--SIDEWAYS!

KRAKEESH

GOTTA ADMIT, "POP," THAT WAS A SMART MOVE!

BUT I'M NOT TOO SHABBY AT *IMPROV* MYSELF!

F'R INSTANCE--!

SHWIK

KZZZZZHZZZK

ELECTRIC CURRENT IS UNPLEASANT, BUT MY *SYMBIOTE* FILTERS IT OUT!

I KNOW, BUT I WASN'T TRYIN' TO KILL! JUST SLOW YOU DOWN LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO MAKE MY--

--EXIT, STAGE LEFT!

WHAT-- RUNNING AWAY? COWARD!

NOT AT ALL! I WORSHIP AT THE SHRINE OF CHAOS, REMEMBER? AND WHAT EMBODIES CHAOS BETTER THAN--

--THE *UNEXPECTED?*

SAYONARA, SUCKER!

AUDITORIUM AUDIENCE STILL PANICKING! NEED TO STAY TO PROTECT THE STAMPEDERS! GUESS THIS TIME...

...CARNAGE *DOES* WIN!

WHILE AT THE CAMPUS LABORATORY OF PROFESSOR ALFRED HEALEY...

MODIFICATIONS COMPLETE. TIMELINE FOLDER ONLINE. WHAT MUST BE DONE...

...WILL BE DONE!

BDIP

FIRST RESPONDERS FOCUSING ON THE CONCERT HALL. NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO THERE.

BETTER CHECK ON PROFESSOR HEALEY TO SEE IF--

CH-BA-BOOOM

PROFESSOR! WH-WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT WAS... NECESSARY.

I REALIZED... I COULDN'T TAKE MY TIME DEVICE... WITH ME. BUT IF I LEFT IT HERE...SOME LUNATIC LIKE CARNAGE...MIGHT USE IT TO CREATE UNIMAGINABLE HORROR.

EXACTLY WHAT I SOUGHT... TO LEAVE BEHIND.

IRONIC... ISN'T IT? I JUST WANTED... TO ESCAPE...TO A BETTER PLACE.

AND NOW...I SUPPOSE... I AM...

HOLY CROW! WH-WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!

ANYONE STILL ALIVE?

JUST US.

NOW.

AND SOON, ON A NEARBY ROOFTOP...

SPIDER-MAN RUINED YOUR LIFE THEN RUINED MINE.

SO WE DEDICATED OURSELVES TO PROTECTING *OTHERS* WHO WERE INNOCENT, LIKE *WE* WERE.

BUT IT'S STILL PAINFUL TO ACCEPT THAT WE CAN'T SAVE *EVERYONE*, THAT ALL WE CAN EVER REALLY DO...

...IS TRY.

THE END!

I...

...ADMIRE STRONG BEASTS, LIKE YOU.

I'M SURE THERE IS NO ANIMAL THAT'S DARED TO RIVAL YOU...

...BECAUSE YOU ARE **SO STRONG.**

AND...

...TO LIVE FREELY, LIKE YOU DO...

...YOU NEED **POWER.**

SPEAKING OF...

...THE **DEEP** TOLD ME...

...THAT YOU'RE THE ONE IN **CONTROL** HERE.

KING OF THESE **HILLS.**

BEAR...

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ズズ...

...GIVE THAT POWER TO THE ***TRUE KING...*** ***ME.***

パチッ

ガバッ

HEY! HE'S AWAKE!

EP.4

HOW'RE YOU FEELING?

KID VENOM

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WHERE AM I...?

IT'S ***YOUR DEN!*** I SAW IT IN YOUR MEMORIES ONCE I ATE THE SYMBIOTE THAT WAS CONTROLLING YOU. SO I BROUGHT YOU HERE.

SORRY I LOOKED AT YOUR MEMORIES WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION.

DADDY!

ガバッ

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DADDY'S ALIVE!

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TOKICHI...!

TH-THANK YOU...

BUT...

...WHY CAN I TALK...?

OH!

I ATE THE ENTIRE ONI THAT WAS POSSESSING YOU. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY NOW.

THAT COMES FROM THE ONI.

SINCE I ATE YOUR ONI, WE CAN TALK TO EACH OTHER NOW.

ANYWAY...

...I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

キュッ

THAT'LL DO IT.

OKAY, TENSUKE...

...GET THIS LETTER TO RAIKO-SAN, FULL SPEED!

ROGER!

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO AFTER THIS, *KIN?*

I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THAT VILLAGE.

キュッ

I WANT TO HELP THEM REPAIR THE *DAMAGE* THAT WAS DONE.

AFTER THAT, I'LL HEAD BACK.

I SEE...

OKAY THEN, I'M GOING!

バサッ

THANKS!

ALL RIGHT.

ONE MORE TIME!

KYOTO. THE HOUSE OF MINAMOTO RAIKO.

THE SON OF *SHUTEN DOJI* IS VERY CLOSE...

HM...

I MUST...

CLINTER, YOU AWAKE?

...

YOU *ARE* GOING TO HELP ME, RIGHT?

...

C'MON!

...PREPARE *IMMEDIATELY.*

THE END?

CARNAGE'S Clubhouse

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And that's it, folks!

...Or is it?

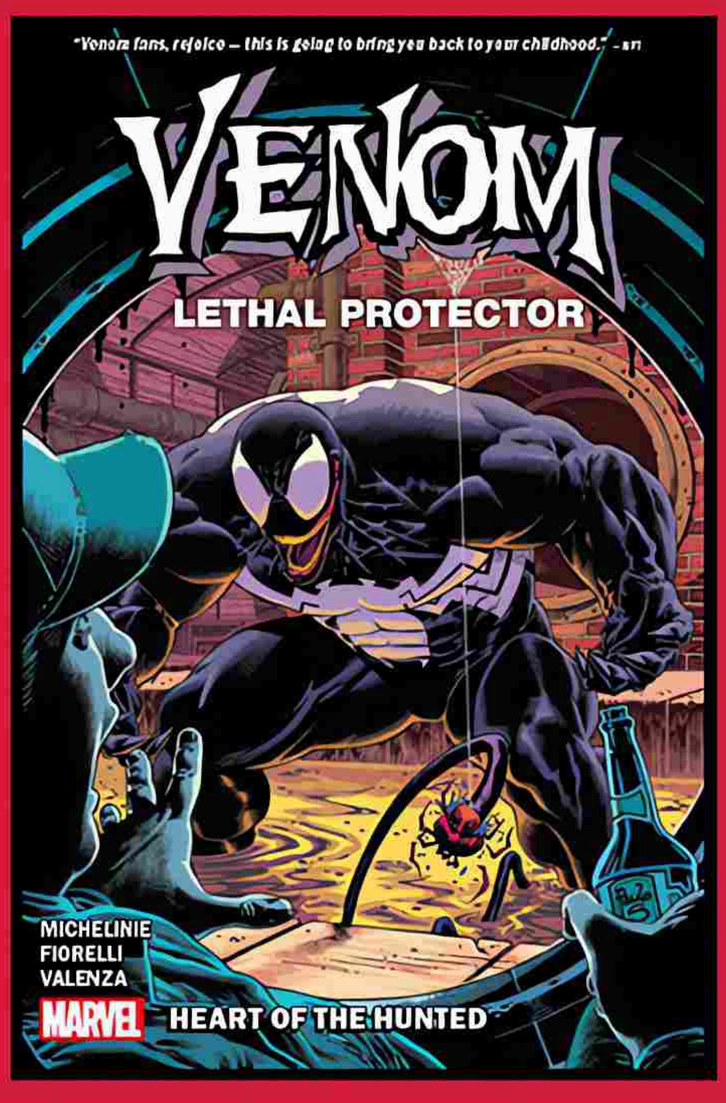
Danny Khazem here, the shepherd of this here event, and boy, did we pull out all the stops in the end!

I hope we delivered on the promise of ***DEATH OF*** with this series, especially the final slaughtering you just witnessed! Cullen, Gerardo, Victor, Jim and Clayton all poured their hearts into this series, and I know it shows on each and every page.

To see where Carnage goes next, check out ***CARNAGE #1***, on sale in November!

To see what Eddie Brock has been up to while all of this has been going on, check out ***VENOM #25***, on sale now!

And let's not forget our other stories! We were jam-packed with a classic tale by David Michelinie, Justin Mason, Chris Sotomayor and VC's Travis Lanham, and a universe/time-spanning story where Taigami, GURU-eFX and VC's Clayton Cowles introduced the world to ***KID VENOM***!



For more classic ***VENOM: LETHAL PROTECTOR*** action, check out both series, on sale now!

For more ***KID VENOM***, well...you'll have to wait and see!

But is that it for this multiversal group of Venoms? Did *everyone* make it back to their respective universes? Why don't you turn the page and see for yourself...?

Stay Safe!

--DK

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KID VENOM WILL RETURN...

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